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Wanderers face Hayes tomorrow

WYCOMBE Wanderers must travel to Church Road tomorrow (Wednesday) night to meet Hayes in the third round of the F.A. Challenge Trophy, after the F.A. had turned down both clubs' requests for a delay.

Hayes, who defeated Northern League side Consett 2-1 on Saturday, to earn the right to meet Blues for a place

in the last eight, were the principal movers for a deferment because of a long injury list.

Wanderers agreed to back Hayes' request because it would allow them to get Dylan Evans fully fit and also enable Mark Judd to play after his suspension ends this coming Saturday.

But they were never very hopeful of getting the F.A. to agree because there is such a backlog of fixtures in this

competition, that they could not afford another delay. In any case, Wycombe's two main injury problems Dave Allanson and John Priestley will need considerably more than a week to recover from their knee injuries.

At first it was thought that the match would be played tonight, but to give the longest possible time for injuries to recover, the teams have agreed to meet tomorrow night

under lights, kick off 7.30 p.m.

Hayes' 2-1 victory on Saturday came as a mighty relief to Wanderers. The last thing they wanted was another midweek journey up north. For financial and work reasons, both officials and players were delighted with the results. Of course the fans were happy as well. As one said, "It's the first bit of luck we've had in the competition."

Blues manager Andy Williams was a more interested spectator as Hayes came from behind to gain their fifth victory in this their longest ever run in the Trophy.

The score at half-time was 0-0 but Consett took the lead with a penalty against the run of play after an hour. But two goals in ten minutes by the much travelled Pat Morrissey clinched Hayes place in the last 16.

Consett, for whom this was only the second game since Boxing Day, looked a poor side and could have fallen to a heavier defeat. Once again it was a victory for the so-called 'Southern softies' over tough northern opposition.

Morrissey is one of the most travelled players in English soccer, having played in all for six Football League sides — Coventry, Torquay, Crewe Alexandra, Chester, Watford and Aldershot. The Irish midfield man joined Hayes in November from Southern League Dartford and has scored nine goals in 19 games.

They have certainly strengthened their squad since that early double defeat by Wycombe, but the main reason that they have reached so far in the competition is a series of home matches, that could make the Blues green with envy.

After a 2-1 win at Dunstable in the first qualifying round, Hayes have been drawn at home every round. The Wycombe match will be their fifth tie at Church Road.

Impressive

The other teams to have visited Hayes and lost are Milton Keynes, Hitchin and Harrow Borough.

The winners will be away to Northern Premier side Runcorn in the quarter finals on Saturday week. But should the match be drawn, the replay will be at Loakes Park, probably next Monday.

BERGER Isthmian League PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	A	Pts
Enfield	28	12	6	6	49	52
Slough	30	15	7	8	42	51
Dulwich	27	14	8	5	49	40
Hendon	32	13	11	8	42	36
Barking	24	14	7	3	55	35
Boreham	28	13	7	8	40	39
Wycombe	28	13	7	8	40	38
Woking	26	12	7	7	53	43
Croydon	28	12	6	8	38	42
Leatherhead	28	12	6	9	40	27
Staines	31	11	8	11	41	41
Hitchin	31	11	8	12	46	52
Boreham Wd	31	11	8	13	41	41
Oxford	31	11	6	14	38	54
Sutton	30	11	8	12	36	39
Walthamstow	29	10	10	45	46	30
Tilbury	31	10	7	14	44	61
Carsington	21	7	10	12	37	49
Hayes	30	6	11	12	31	44
Staines	28	5	11	12	34	26
Wokingham	22	5	10	19	25	20
Leytonstone	28	2	5	21	20	53